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SUBJ: IRANIAN NEWSMAN INTERVIEWS PRESIDENT DAUD

1. KABUL RADIO APRIL 22 AND VERNACULAR PRESS APRIL 23.  
CARRIED TEXT OF APRIL 16 INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT DAUD BY IRANIAN  
RADIO/TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT (NAME NOT GIVEN). FIRST PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DAUD WOULD VISIT IRAN (WITHIN WEEK BEGINNING  
APRIL 26) PRECEDED PUBLICATION OF INTERVIEW BY ONE DAY.

2. INTERVIEW WAS SHORT AND ONLY SKETCHILY COVERED STANDARD  
EXPLICATIONS OF GOA FOREIGN AND INTERNAL POLICIES AND GOALS.  
HOWEVER WHILE DAUD MADE EXPECTED STATEMENTS ABOUT STRENGTH AND  
FRIENDLINESS OF AFGHAN/IRANIAN RELATIONS, OVERALL TONE OF INTER-

VUE APPEARS TO US AS TESTY. AT ONE POINT DAUD GRATUITOUSLY  
SINGLED OUT FARSI PHRASE EMPLOYED BY INTERVIEWER AS NOT USED  
IN OUR DARI LANGUAGE." IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING  
TEHRAN'S ROLE AS MEDIATOR IN PAK/AFGHAN DISPUTE, DAUD SAID THAT  
UNFORTUNATELY THE SHAHANSHAH'S ATTEMPTS TO MEDIATE DURING LAST  
15-16 YEARS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT GOA  
APPRECIATES IRANIAN GOOD OFFICES AND WOULD WELCOME SOLUTION TO  
PAK/AFGHAN DIFFERENCES.

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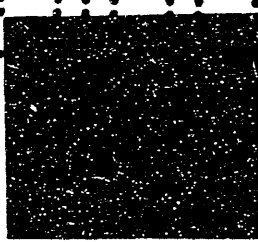
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3. COMMENT. IRANIAN HANDS HERE RECALL THAT THE SHAH'S SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION IN MAY 1963 WAS WIDELY ACCLAIMED AS A PERSONAL TRIUMPH. IN THAT DAQUD'S RESIGNATION FROM PREMIERSHIP IN MARCH 1963 WAS NECESSARY STEP BEFORE MEDIATION OF DISPUTE COULD SUCCEED, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT DAQUD UNWILLING TO TERM THAT EFFORT SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, COMMENT ABOUT SHAH'S EFFORTS AND GENERAL TONE OF INTERVIEW SEEM CURIOUS WAY TO HERALD HIS VISIT TO IRAN.

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